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SUBJ: PRESS CARRIES DENIALS OF SOVIET BASES IN INDIAN OCEAN

1. PRAVDA AND RED STAR (SEPTEMBER 6) CARRY THREE
SEPARATE TASS ITEMS REJECTING PRESIDENT FORD'S STATEMENT --
THOUGH THE PRESIDENT IS NOT MENTIONED AS THE SOURCE --
THAT SOVIETS HAVE NAVAL BASES IN INDIAN OCEAN. AS IS
USUAL PRACTICE, SOVIETS DO NOT DENY STATEMENT
THEMSELVES BUT RELY ON THIRD-COUNTRY SOURCES.

2. STORIES QUOTE STATEMENTS BY IRAQI NEWS AGENCY,
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SOMALIAN EMBASSY IN PARIS, AND SOUTH YEMEN RADIO

DENYING EXISTENCE OF SOVIET BASES AT UMM QASR,
BERBERA AND ADEN RESPECTIVELY AND CHARGING PENTAGON
AND U.S. (BUT NOT THE PRESIDENT) WITH INVENTING
FALSE CLAIM TO JUSTIFY EXPANSION OF U.S. BASE AT
DIEGO GARCIA.

3. ALTHOUGH TASS ENGLISH WIRE EARLIER RESPONDED WITH
DENIAL OF PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT, THIS IS FIRST
REACTION WE HAVE SEEN IN SOVIET CENTRAL PRESS.
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